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SATURDAY EVENING, NOV. 19

Glassware and Hardware. On occasions of impending danger people sometimes do what seems to them most absurd at other moments. When the steamship America, which carried one of the Ziegler exploring expeditions to Franz Josef Land in 1903, was being crushed by ice the following winter it became necessary to abandon the ship in haste. Orders were given to unload upon the ice everything that would be of use in the long winter yet before the men. The work must be done with dispatch.

While the crew was passing the bags over the side of the ship the cook, who was of an excitable nature, suddealy appeared at the rail with a large bag, which he heaved over with all his strength. It struck the ice below with a resounding crash, causing one of the sailor's to exclaim:

"Hello, cook, what was that?" 'Oh, that is all right," he answered. It was lamp chimneys and flatirons." But it was hardly all right, for during the winter they were obliged to cut the bottoms out of pickle bottles and use them in place of chimneys that had been broken.

Doubtless True.

A teacher in a Birmingham school was endeavoring to explain the term "booking" as applied to our railway system, says London Tit-Bits. "Now," he was saying, "can any of you tell me the name of the office at which rallway tickets are sold?"

"The booking office," replied one of "Right," responded the teacher. At this moment his eye fell on a small boy at the end of the class who

was evidently paying very little attention to what was said. "Did you hear that, Spry?" he de-

manded. "Wot, sir?" asked that youth innocently.

"As I thought, you were not listening. We will suppose your father decided to have a day's holiday and visit the seaside. What would he have to do before he could take his seat in the train?"

Without a moment's thought the youngster electrified his teacher by replying:

"Pawn his tools!"

Odd French English. A correspondent has been studying English pronunciation in a French dictionary (Pierre Larousce, 1890) and picks out a few examples to show how much effort is necessary for a Frenchman to acquire a true articulation of English. They are all taken from a surprisingly long list of English phrases current in France. "Broken down" (as applied to a race horse) is "bro-k'n-daoun." "Dead heat" is rendered as "did-hith," which is ingenious, but hardly correct "Ai-laif" is not a bad attempt for "high life," although the aspirate is missing. "Self government" looks an even more imposing political ideal as "self gheuvernmentt," and the word "shocking" is quite applicable when rendered "chok-inn-que." The opening words of Hamlet's famous sollloquy have a decidedly foreign look, "Tou bi or nott tou bi, that is thi kouess-tcheunn."-Manchester Guardian.

Alluring Surroundings. A young man who had just gone to Philadelphia to take employment in a business house was casting about for a suitable room for himself in Germantown when he chanced upon one in a fine house overlooking a ceme-

He was a little doubtful about the terms and more than doubtful about the cemetery. "Your rate is pretty high," he mur-

mured hesitatingly to the landlady. "But consider the cheerful view, sir," ventured the mistress of the house. "Cheerful view!" exclaimed that applicant for lodgings. "Is that what you call a view that embraces a graveyard?"

"Why, certainly," was the response. "Just think how comfortin' and cheerin' it will be when you look out of your window and think you're not there!"-Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

The Midnight Sun.

The midnight sun is not visible south of the polar circle. It is above the horizon throughout the twenty four hours at Bodo from June 3 to July 7, at Tromso from the 19th of May to the 22d of July and at the North cape from the 12th of May to the 29th of July. There are corresponding periods during December, January and November when the sun is not seen, but the darkness of the winter is by no means so great as might be imagined. The whiteness of the snow and the glimmer of the northern lights make a sort of perpetual twilight.

The Makings In Church.

"I never knew." said the nervous man, "what an inveterate smoker ! am until recently in church, my first visit for a long while, I found myself mechanically rolling a cigarette. It fact, I had it rolled and was reaching for a match when I suddenly came to Suppose I hadn't waked up? Rathe awful. what?"-New York Press.

One of Our Pet Phrases. "Did any of the inhabitants escape with his life?" luquired the man who

wants barrowing details. "I didn't stop to ascertain." answered the man who is harrowingly exact. "It struck me that if anybody escaped without his life there wasn't much use in his escaping anyhow."-Washington

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